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So the amendment was rejected. Mr. VAN DEERLIN, Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent to change my vote from "aye" to "no."

The CHAIRMAN, Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will read. The Clerk read as follows:

Sec. 202. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Defense during fiscal year 1972 for use as an emergency fund for research, development, test, and evaluation or procurement or production related thereto, \$50,000,000.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. PIKE

Mr. PIKE. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. Pike: Page 3, line 19, insert a new Section 203 "Notwithstanding the maximum sums heretofore authorized in this title for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation for the Army, Navy, Air Force, Defense agencies and De-partment of Defense during fiscal year 1972; the total amount authorized to be appropriated for such purposes shall not execed the sum of \$7,109,200,000".

Mr. PIKE, Mr. Chairman, I would expeet what I am about to say will be the only time I will be greeted with any great applause all day. This particular amendment is the last amendment which I am going to offer, and I am not going to ask for a record vote on it.

I thought that would endear me to my

colleagues if nothing else did.

Mr. Chairman, what this amendment does is very big and very simple. It cuts the amount of money to be spent for military research and development, test, and evaluation back to the amount which was appropriated for the present fiscal year. That is all it does. It does not do any more than that and it does not do any less than that. It says that the R.D.T. & E. shall be the same amount as was appropriated in the current fiscal year.

Yes, of course, I am going to yield to the chairman to ask me whether this is one of those meat-ax, across-the-board,

blunderbuss cuts.

Mr. HEBERT. The gentleman anticipated me. I am not going to ask him anything. I am just waiting for time of my

Mr. PIKE, I see.

Well, in response, then, to what my beloved chairman is going to say on his time, that this is an aeross-the-board, meat-ax, blunderbuss approach to the problem, the answer is that this is an across-the-board, meat-ax, blunderbuss approach to the problem.

Mr. ARENDS. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. PIKE, I am happy to yield to the gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. ARENDS. To what extent? Is it \$800 million?

Mr. PIKE. Actually it is more than that; it is \$975 million.

We have increased this particular aspect of the bill, according to the chairman's statement, I believe \$975 million over the figure appropriated last year; \$974,967,000, to be precise.

I honestly believe that the people of the United States of America do not want to spend another billion dollars this year

for research on defense items.

I honestly believe that the people of the United States of America do not want to increase our military spending for such purposes.

I honestly believe that the people of the United States of America are looking for some relief from the tremendous amounts of money that we continue to spend for the military.

Some will say, "Oh, yes, this is an awful cut." Well, it is a substantial cut, but we would leave \$7.1 billion for research and development in military weapons systems.

If I really thought that spending more money would buy us greater security I would be willing to spend more money, but we have gotten to the point in our national history now that for years and years and years and years and years we have said, "I would rather err on the side of safety," and we have erred to the point that today there are approximately 15 tons of destructive power available for every man, woman, and child on this planet. Tons. I do not believe there is any safety in those statistics.

I hope this amendment will be adopted. I understand that my friend the gentleman from Vermont has some reservations about my approach. I do hope that somewhere in this debate on this bill we shall do something to answer the cries of the young in our country, of the poor in our country, of the oppresed in our country who need other things than more military spending.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. STAFFORD TO THE AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. PIKE

Mr. STAFFORD, Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment to the amendment. The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. STAFFORD to the amendment offered by Mr. Pike: Amend the amendment offered by Mr. Pike by striking out the figure of "\$7,109,200" on line 5 of said amendment and substituting therefor the figure \$7,450,680,000."

(Mr. STAFFORD asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STAFFORD. Mr. Chairman, I want to make it plain at the outset that generally I support the bill we are considering here, H.R. 8687. I think it is a good bill which has had excellent serutiny in the Committee on Armed Services under the distinguished leadership of the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. HÉBERT), and the distinguished gentleman from Illinois (Mr. Arends).

But even in the field of defense and research and development I do not believe at this time, in view of the fiscal plight that this country is in, that we can afford to spend one more cent than is absolutely essential to the security of the United States of America.

I shall be very brief and say that what my amendment does is to permit the re-

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